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SUBJECT: SCHLESINGER VISIT TO PRC

REFS: STATE 23413 (TOSEC 270493)

- 1. REGARDING PARA 3 REFTEL, WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE LUNCHEON AT WHICH SCHLESINGER WILL BE THE SPEAKER IS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING, RATHER THAN A SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR SCHLESINGER. ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE, HABIB, RICHARDSON AND HUMMEL WILL BE INVITED AS NON-PAYING GUESTS, AND A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OTHERS HAVE BEEN INVITED AS PAYING (\$15) GUESTS.
- 2. BECAUSE THIS IS AN ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON, USG BOYCOTT WOULD BE READ BY THE COMMITTEE, ITS MEMBERS, AND THE CHINESE IF THEY LEARNED OF IT, AS A CLEAR DIMINUTION OF USG SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ITSELF AND ITS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE PRC. THIS IMPRESSION WOULD NOT SECRET

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SERVE OUR INTERESTS. MOREOVER, WE WOULD HAVE THE DILEMMA

OF PROVIDING A PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION OF A BOYCOTT TO THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY INQUIRE WHEN IT REALIZED THAT EVERYONE WAS DECLINING.

- 3. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT RICHARDSON AND HUMMEL ACCEPT THE INVITATION, AND THAT WE TAKE STEPS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF PAYING GUESTS.
- 4. REQUEST YOUR GUIDANCE ASAP, SINCE SOME PERSONS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED INVITATIONS.

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